

In the Claims:

Please **SUBSTITUTE** the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same number (a marked up copy of the prior pending claim with all changes shown is supplied in the appendix):

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39. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the time-slot display module of the web site module further comprises a time-slot search module configured to search and display the available time-slots for tables at the restaurant's place of business during a selected time period as defined by the Internet user.

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41. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the booking module of the web site module is further configured to require the Internet user to submit personal information over the Internet to book one of the available time-slots.

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44. The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the web site module further comprises a confirmation module configured to generate a confirmation message over the Internet to the Internet user after the personal information has been written to the reservation booking database of the restaurant to confirm the booking of the selected time-slot.

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126. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the table reservation management module is further configured to enable the number of records in the reservation booking database for the restaurant to be defined by the restaurant.

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51. The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the restaurant display module is further configured to display the time-slot inventory of tables and the time increments for the availability of the tables on a computer display.

58. The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising a restaurant data entry module configured to allow the restaurant to write customer information into one of the records to book an available time-slot in the name of the customer.

64. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the web site module further comprises a first cancellation module configured to permit the Internet user to cancel over the Internet a previously booked timeslot for a table booked by the Internet user at the restaurant's place of business.

67. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the restaurant maintenance module further comprises a block-out module configured to enable the restaurant to selectively block-out time-slots in the reservation booking database so that the blocked-out time-slots can not be booked.

69. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the restaurant maintenance module for the restaurant, including the reservation booking database and the table reservation management module, are configured to reside on a computer affiliated with the restaurant.

70. The apparatus of claim 69, wherein the restaurant maintenance module is further configured to write reservation updates to the restaurant's reservation booking database over the Internet to an aggregate database located at a central computing location, the aggregate database containing the reservation booking databases for a plurality of restaurants affiliated with the web site.

71. The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the restaurant maintenance module for the restaurant, the reservation booking database and the table reservation management module, are further configured to reside at the central computing location and are accessible by the restaurant over the Internet.

80. A reservation system comprising:

a reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to the plurality of time-slots for the tables at a selected restaurant;

a central computing location configured to an host Internet web site for booking reservations, the central computing location comprising:

an Internet search module configured to identify the selected restaurant in response to a search request submitted by an Internet user to identify the selected restaurant affiliated with the web site;

a time-slot display module configured to display one or more available time-slots each corresponding to one or more tables at the selected restaurant's place of business; and

a booking module configured to permit the Internet user to book one of the available time-slots to reserve the corresponding table in the reservation booking database; and

a local computer located at the selected restaurant, the local computer configured to cooperate with the central computing location and including a table reservation management module configured to permit the selected restaurant to book time-slots in the reservation booking database to reserve tables at the selected restaurant for customers not making bookings over the Internet.

107. The method of claim 99, wherein providing the table reservation management module further comprises enabling the first restaurant to manage a selected portion of its time-slots for table bookings made by Internet users and for customers not making reservations over the Internet.